

Remarks

This is in response to the Official Action of January 6, 2006.

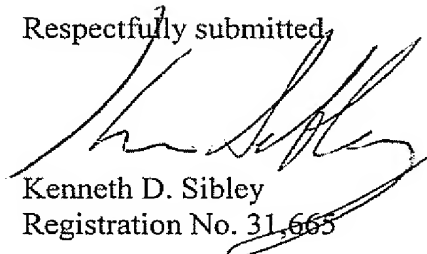
Claims 43-45 are indicated to be allowable in items 8-9 of the Official Action if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, set forth in the official action. However, no such rejection is found in the official action. Applicants have amended claim 43 to remove the brackets in the event such brackets are considered unclear in the context of a patent claim, and formal allowance of claims 43-45 is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-22, 24, 26-27, 37-38 and 40 stand rejected as anticipated under 35 USC 102(e) by Mulee et al. These claims have been cancelled to expedite allowance of claims 43-45, and it is respectfully submitted that this rejection may be withdrawn. These claims have been cancelled to expedite allowance of claims 43-45, and it is respectfully submitted that this rejection may be withdrawn.

Claims 20-25, 27-28, and 37-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Vaartstra (U.S. Patent No. 6,666,986). These claims have been cancelled to expedite allowance of claims 43-45, and it is respectfully submitted that this rejection may be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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